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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Application of:

Stephen Alan Smith et al.

Application No.: 10/622,374

Confirmation No.: 4371

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Examiner: Robin A. Hylton

Art Unit: 3727

For: Reclosable Container Lid

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 10, 2005

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 10, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper; and,

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified Application. Applicants are other than a small entity. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 apply. The shortened statutory period of response was set to expire on November 10, 2005. Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in these fees to Deposit Account No. 23-0280. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

No additional fee for the Amendment is required. The fee for the Amendment has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Other Than A Small Entity		
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Present Extra		Rate	Additional Fee		Rate	Additional Fee	
Total	40 -	65 =	0		x \$25=			x \$50=	\$0	
Independent	9 -	13 =	0		x \$100=			x \$200=	\$0	
<input type="checkbox"/> First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims						x \$180=			x \$360=	\$0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE									\$0	

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0280.

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☒ Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra Claims.

Respectfully submitted,

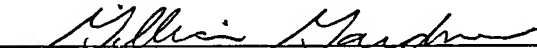
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